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SUBJECT: US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA
REF: ADDIS ABABA 14883

1. APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS IN REFTEL AND HAVE UTILIZED SOME OF THEM IN FRAMING TALKING POINTS EASUM WILL USE WITH KIFLE DECEMBER 16. WE AGREE WITH YOU ON IMPORTANCE OF ASSURING THAT EPMG GETS ACCURATE READING OF EASUM-KIFLE CONVERSATION. WE WILL ACCORDINGLY CABLE YOU SUBSTANCE OF THAT CONVERSATION AND THOSE ELEMENTS OF IT THAT WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO EPMG.

2. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE REFRAIN FROM SEEKING ANY MEETINGS WITH NEW PMAC CHAIRMAN AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT BEFORE REQUESTING ANY SUCH APPOINTMENTS. IN SHORT, YOU SHOULD SIT TIGHT UNTIL PENDING KIFLE TALK HERE.

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US NAVY SHIPS LAWRENCE (DD) AND MARIAS (OILER) WHICH
CURRENTLY IN VICINITY OF SOCOTRA ISLAND (11 DEG 30 MIN
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TO PROCEED INTO RED SEA TO STAND BY IN CASE THEY CAN BE OF
ASSISTANCE IF SECURITY SITUATION FOR AMERICANS IN ERITREA
DETERIORATES FURTHER. THEY ARE BEING ORDERED TO REMAIN
FULLY OUT OF SIGHT FROM ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY AND OUTSIDE
TERRITORIAL WATERS PENDING FURTHER ORDERS.
SHIPS ARE NOW 1850 NAUTICAL MILES FROM MASSAWA, AND WOULD
TAKE APPROX 48-55 HOURS TO GET THERE. DOD CONCURS.
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1. IN CONNECTION TOP LEVEL WASHINGTON REVIEW OF SITUATION IN ERITREA, WE WOULD LIKE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS HERE FEBRUARY 5 A COMBINED ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY PROBLEM IN WHICH ALL USG ELEMENTS AT ASMARA SHOULD CONCERT (CONGEN, NAVCOMMUNIT, AND DOD STONEHOUSE.) IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR JOINT VIEWS ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) ADEQUACY OF ETHIOPIAN TROOPS TO DEFEND CITY

(B) [illegible] OF ETHIOPIANS PROVIDING ADEQUATE GUARD SERVICES TO U.S. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER FACILITIES

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UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES,

(C) PROSPECTS OF RESTORATION OF POWER AND AVAILABILITY OF WATER.

(D) TEMPORARY EVACUATION OF SOME OR ALL EMPLOYEES TO ADDIS.

(E) CLOSURE OF FACILITIES, DESTRUCTION OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT AND TOTAL EVACUATION.

2. OUR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS SAFETY OF AMERICAN LIVES IN ASMARA. THIS SHOULD BE MAIN FOCUS OF YOUR ASSESSMENT.

3. FOR ADDIS WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BEST ASSESSMENT, WITHOUT CONTACTING ANY LOCAL OFFICIALS, OF PROBABLE EPNG REACTION TO ANY OF ABOVE ACTIONS.

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CAN BE TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWN TO ADDIS. HOWEVER, THIS MUST BE DONE IN A WAY TO RETAIN OUR OPTIONS SO THAT NO IRREVOCABLE ACTION IS TAKEN WHICH WOULD INDICATE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL.

(C) PRIOR TO INITIATING WITHDRAWAL OF PERSONNEL, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM PMG IMMEDIATELY OF THIS PARTIAL AND TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL AND ASSURE IT THAT IT WILL IN NO WAY AFFECT US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS INCLUDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE) NOR IMPLY EVENTUAL PERMANENT CLOSURE. THE LATTER OBVIOUSLY WILL REMAIN UNDER REVIEW IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS.

2. APPROPRIATE DOD COMPONENTS WILL ISSUE IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS WITH REGARD ABOVE DECISION D. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: STATUS ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES LOGISTICS

MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE.

PART 1 FOR AMEMB AND CMAAG ADDIS ABABA

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONCERNED THAT FIGHTING IN ERITREA LIKELY TO RESULT IN REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED DELIVERY SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION AND MILITARY HARDWARE. IN PREPARATION FOR JCS ESTIMATE REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION DURING MEETING START OF BUSINESS 8 FEB., REQUEST ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BEFORE 2230 ZULU TODAY.

A. WHAT AMMUNITION AND MILITARY SUPPLIES ARE LIKELY TO BE REQUESTED ON SHORT NOTICE AS RESULT OF CONSUMPTION STEMMING FROM MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS IN ERITREA?

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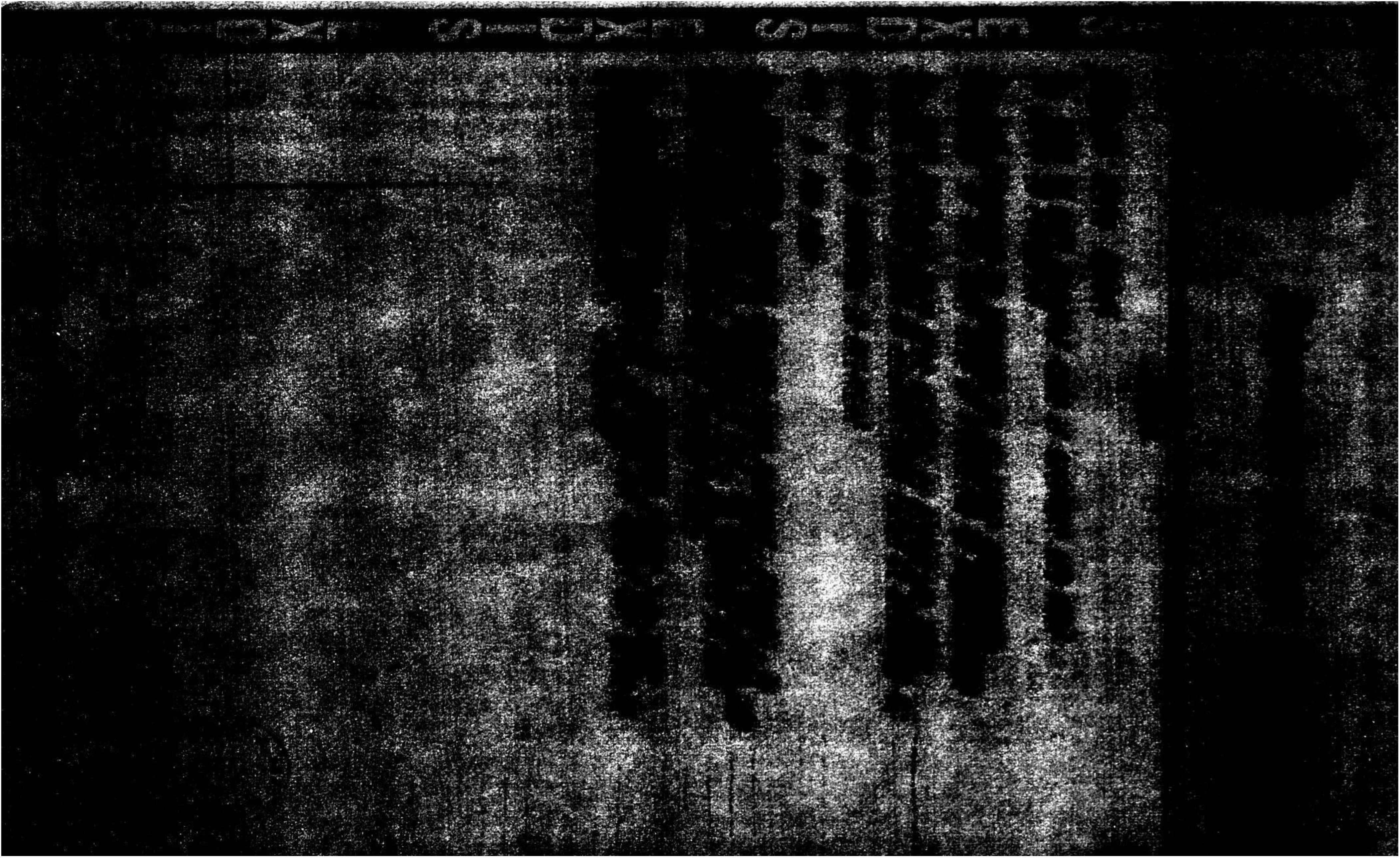

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SUBJ: DOD STONEHOUSE FACILITY, ASMARA, ETHIOPIA

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IN EXECUTING REF DIRNSA INSTRUCTIONS IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT FOR FOREIGN POLICY REASONS THERE SHOULD BE NO EVACUATION FROM ASMARA, BEYOND THAT

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REFS: A) ASMARA 1761; B) ADDIS 15611; C) ADDIS 15581; D) STATE 029370; E) STATE 26682

1. ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED FULLY APPRECIATE PROBLEM FACED BY USG PERSONNEL IN ASMARA AND ARE CONCERNED FOR THEIR SAFETY. WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO CONGEN AND EMBASSY VIEWS REFTELS AND WILL BE REVIEWING SUBJECT ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

2. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT AT THIS TIME IT IS IN OVERALL US INTEREST TO MAINTAIN A PRESENCE AT KAGNEW STATION. IMMEDIATE USG OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

A. LIMIT THE DANGER TO AMERICAN LIVES WHILE CONTINUING ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS.

B. PREPARE FOR FURTHER CONTINGENCIES WITHOUT TAKING ANY IRREVERSIBLE ACTIONS.

C) OBTAIN FULLER INFORMATION NEEDED TO ASSESS PROBABLE DURATION OF THIS DANGER, PARTICULARLY WHETHER IT MAY BE LESSENED BY VARIOUS CURRENT INITIATIVES TOWARD A CEASE-FIRE.

3. FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ACTIONS HAVE THEREFORE BEEN DECIDED UPON:

A) ACTION BEING CONSIDERED TO FURTHER REDUCE STONEHOUSE PERSONNEL, NAVCOMMUNIT WILL CONTINUE TO DISCHARGE CURRENT OPERATIONAL MISSION WITH EXISTING PERSONNEL. AGREE NO REDUCTION CONGEN PERSONNEL.

B) DOD AND STATE ARE TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE CONTINUED SECURE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS FOR CONGEN ASMARA. SEPARATE INCIDENT WILL GIVE CONFIRMATION.

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FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY AT ASMARA.

D) EMBASSY SHOULD REITERATE TO PMG ASSURANCES THAT ANY ADDITIONAL WITHDRAWALS ARE FOR SAFETY OF US PERSONNEL AND SUCH ACTIONS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

E) ANY COOPERATION WITH ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES IN ASMARA SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN MANNER MINIMIZING PROVOCATION CITED PARA 2 REF C.

F) CONTINUING ASSESSMENTS ARE ALSO DESIRED FROM ALL ELEMENTS, INCLUDING MAAG PERSONNEL IN ASMARA, RE DURATION PRESENT DANGER TO AMERICANS (PARA 2 C ABOVE) AND FEASIBILITY AND RISK OF OPERATING US MILITARY AIRCRAFT THROUGH ASMARA AIRFIELD IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY NEED TO IMPLEMENT CONTINGENCY PLANS. KISSINGER

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TAGS:MASS, PINS, PFOR, ET

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AIR SHIPMENT OF AMMUNITION

REF: STATE 029630 , ADDIS ABABA 1584

, FONMIN KIFLE, ON HIS LAST DAY IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO RETURNING TO ETHIOPIA, ASKED URGENTLY TO SEE ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY (HUMMEL AND COOTE ALSO PRESENT). KIFLE TOLD MULCAHY THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTION OF EPMG TO INFORM USG OF POTENTIAL PROBLEM OF AMMUNITION SHORTAGE IF FIGHTING PROLONGED AND TO INQUIRE WHETHER USG COULD EXPEDITE SHIPMENT OF SUCH AMMUNITION. IN PARTICULAR EPMG WANTED AMMUNITION

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FOR M-14 RIFLES (7.62 CALIBER), F5A AIRCRAFT (20 MM.) AND FOR F-86 AIRCRAFT (50 CALIBER).

2. MULCAHY SAID THAT USG WISHES TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO BE HELPFUL. HE SUGGESTED THAT MOD CONTACT MAAG REGARDING SPECIFIC ITEMS, INDICATING REQUIRED QUANTITY OF EACH. WE WOULD REQUEST OUR MAAG CHIEF TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH APPROPRIATE MOD OFFICIALS AND SUBMIT

RECOMMENDATIONS. MULCAHY EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS OF SUCH MATTERS IN ADDIS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN WASHINGTON, WOULD BE IN MUTUAL INTERESTS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

3. IN REPLY TO QUERY BY FONMIN AS TO FORM OF PAYMENT MULCAHY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PREFERRED METHOD WOULD BE BY CASH. KIFLE THOUGHT EPMG WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF MIXED PROGRAM OF CASH PAYMENTS PLUS SOME GRANT (INCLUDING EXPEDITING ALREADY-ORDERED AMMUNITION FROM FY 74 GRANT MAP). FONMIN THEN ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTION TO OUR DELIVERY OF AMMUNITION BY AIR. MULCAHY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT AIR SHIPMENT TO ADDIS WOULD BE FEASIBLE, BUT OF COURSE AT EXTRA EXPENSE TO EPMG.

4. EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, KIFLE SAID HE WOULD REPORT POSITIVE USG RESPONSE TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

5. KIFLE NOTED THAT ARABS WERE NOW GIVING ALL-OUT SUPPORT TO ELF, WHICH MIGHT ENABLE INSURGENTS TO CARRY ON SUSTAINED EFFORT FOR SOME PERIOD OF TIME. WHEN ASKED HOW THE AFRICAN STATES VIEWED SITUATION, FONMIN CLAIMED THAT AFRICANS WERE SYMPATHETIC TO ETHIOPIAN POSITION. EPMG, HOWEVER, DID NOT PLAN TO RAISE PROBLEM FORMALLY AT FORTHCOMING OAU MEETING, BUT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE DISCUSSING SITUATION BEHIND SCENES. MAJOR PROBLEM THESE DAYS IS THAT AFRICAN STATES ARE DESIROUS OF OBTAINING SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE FROM ARAB COUNTRIES, THUS THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE RELUCTANT TO CRITICIZE ARABS PUBLICLY.

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6. APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS IN EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH GRNG RE THIS REQUEST TO ENLIST MORE SPECIFIC INDICATION OF REQUIREMENTS. IN DOING SO, YOU SHOULD EXHIBIT POSITIVE AND FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE, SUBJECT TO REFERRAL OF SPECIFIC REQUESTS BACK TO WASHINGTON. DOD IS URGENTLY INVESTIGATING AVAILABILITY OF VARIOUS TYPES OF AMMUNITION (ADDIS ABABA 1548) INGERSOLL

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SUBJECT: ITALIAN CONCERN RE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2121

1. JUST PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ORTONA ASKED URGENTLY TO SEE SISCO TODAY. HIS PRESENTATION RE

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POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA AND GOI ANXIETY RE SITUATION THERE REFLECTED SAME GRAVE CONCERN REPORTED REPTPL

2. ORTONA SAID THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA WERE SOURCE OF GRAVE CONCERN TO GOI, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE HEAVY FIGHTING THAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE IN RECENT WEEKS, AND EVIDENCE OF INDICATIONS THAT DERG WOULD NOT BE INCLINED, AT THIS STAGE, TO UNDERTAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TOWARDS REACHING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON ERITREA. GOI HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES IN ADDIS THAT MILITARY SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA COULD TAKE A SHARP TURN FOR THE WORSE WITH DIRE CONSEQUENCES FOR EVERYONE. ACCORDING TO HIS INFO, DERG HAD UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED NOT TO ACCEDE IN ANY WAY TO ERITREAN REQUESTS FOR INDEPENDENCE BUT TO PURSUE FULL-SCALE WAR AGAINST ERITREANS TO BRING THEM TO HEEL WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES, NOT EXCLUDING WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION AND EVEN SCORCHED-EARTH POLICY.

3. AS CONSEQUENCE, CONDITIONS IN ERITREA WOULD BECOME MUCH WORSE, WITH ETHIOPIAN MILITARY SHOWING LITTLE CONCERN FOR LOCAL AND FOREIGN CITIZENS IN AREA. ITALIANS WORRIED THAT WAVE OF XENOPHOBIA WILL SWEEP COUNTRY WHICH COULD RESULT IN DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THROUGHOUT ETHIOPIA. THERE ARE ABOUT 7,000 ITALIANS LIVING IN ADDIS ABABA, ORTONA SAID, WHO COULD BE AFFECTED BY ANY CHANGE IN SITUATION. WHILE ITALIANS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THEIR PEOPLE OUT OF ASMARA, THEY NOT REPEAT NOT SURE WHETHER EVACUATION FROM ADDIS WOULD BE AS EASY.

4. GOI ANXIEL, ORTONA SAID, THAT US OFFICIALS WERE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER TO GRANT ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. USG HAD GREAT LEVERAGE ON ETHIOPIANS, GOI HOPED, THEREFORE, THAT IF DECISION MADE TO GIVE NEW AID TO TRY TO GET DERG TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH [redacted] FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, HE WOULD USE SUCH [redacted] TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES FROM DERG THAT FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE RESPECTED, THAT XENOPHOBIC [redacted] WILL NOT BE ENCOURAGED OR ALLOWED, & TO [redacted] TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH ERITREANS FOR [redacted] SETTLEMENT.

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5. SISCO EXPLAINED DELICACY OF SITUATION AND THAT USG TOO WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA. ON ONE HAND, WE DO NOT WANT TO CREATE SITUATION WHERE EPMG FEELS USG IS NOT RESPONSIVE; AND ON OTHER HAND WE DO NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN MIDDLE OF CIVIL WAR. SISCO STATED THAT IT WAS OUR PRESENT JUDGMENT THAT THERE LIKELY TO BE EXTENDED PERIOD OF INCLUSIVE RESULTS IN ERITREA, WHICH DEEPENED DILEMMA AND MADE THINGS EVEN MORE DELICATE. WE HOPED TO RESPOND TO ETHIOPIAN REQUEST IN SUCH A WAY AS TO KEEP ALL OUR OPTIONS OPEN. SISCO ADDED THAT IN CONSIDERING OUR RESPONSE, WE WERE THINKING ALONG SAME LINES AS GOI.

6. SISCO CONCLUDED BY SUGGESTING THAT ITALIAN EMBASSY IN ADDIS KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH OUR EMBASSY THERE.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF PRESENT SITUATION IN ADDIS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ABOVE-EXPRESSED ITALIAN CONCERNS AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE REFTEL. HAS SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA TAKEN DECIDED TURN FOR WORSE? IF SO, WHAT SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS DOES EMBASSY HAVE IN MIND AS TO ANY ACTIONS WHICH OUGHT TO BE TAKEN EITHER ON SPOT OR IN WASHINGTON? YOUR RESPONSE WOULD BE HELPFUL BEFORE WE INITIATE ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH, FRENCH AND PROBABLY ITALIANS. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: AMMUNITION REQUEST
REF: CHMAAG MSG DTG 1007352 FEB 75

1. TO ASSIST IN PROCESS OF DETERMINING US RESPONSE TO ETHIOPIAN REQUEST FOR RESUPPLY ON CASH SALES BASIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED.

2. CONCUR IN CHAAG ASSESSMENT FURNISHED REFTEL THAT THERE IS NO FINAL JUSTIFICATION TO PROVIDE ALL AMMUNITION ITEMS REQUESTED. OUR OBJECTIVE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WOULD BE [illegible] TO REDUCE THE ETHIOPIAN LIST AND TO DEVISE A [illegible] DELIVERY SCHEDULE THAT WOULD MINIMIZE RISK TO [illegible] PERSONNEL IN ETHIOPIA BUT YET BE SUFFICIENT TO

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3. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED FOR TASK ASSIGNED BY THIS MESSAGE:

A. 7.62 AMMUNITION IS CLOSELY CONTROLLED ITEM DUE TO WORLDWIDE DEMANDS AND NEED TO HONOR COMMITMENTS ALREADY MADE; THEREFORE, THERE IS LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF AIR DELIVERING IN QUANTITIES REQUESTED.

B. TO LESSER DEGREE, SIMILAR CONSTRAINTS AFFECT OTHER ITEMS REQUESTED FOR AIRLIFT.

C. IN ORDER TO [illegible] MCM PLANNING, IT IS NECESSARY THAT A PRIORITY LIST BE DEVELOPED AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING WHAT [illegible] TRANSPORTATION NEEDS ARE. FYI: ACTUAL [illegible] OF A MIX OF CONTRACT COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT [illegible] SCHEDULED MAC AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS AS NECESSARY [illegible] VISIBILITY OF RESUPPLY OPERATION. [illegible] CARGO CAPACITY IS 27 SHORT TONS [illegible] WORLDWIDE AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER [illegible] SUCH AS COST (SEE NEXT PARAGRAPH). FOR [illegible] CONSIDER HYPOTHETICAL MAXIMUM OF 3[illegible] EQUIVALENTS AS BEING AVAILABLE FOR THIS RESUPPLY [illegible] THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS. END FYI.

D. EXTREME [illegible] OF AIRLIFT IS SUFFICIENT REASON TO MINIMIZE [illegible] IN EFFORT TO CONSERVE EPMG RESOURCES [illegible] TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF [illegible] AMMUNITION, AS WELL AS DESIRED ZMG [illegible] FURTHER, EXPENDITURE OF EPMG FUNDS [illegible] RATHER THAN MORE ECONOMICAL SEALIFT WOULD TEND TO UNDERCUT RATIONALE FOR PLANNED MAP PROGRAM.

4. RATIONALE [illegible] WOULD ALSO BE APPLIED TO [illegible] GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION, CHAMP SHOULD [illegible] ESTABLISHED BY UNCLENEW. AS [illegible] SUCH [illegible] SHOULD USE [illegible] APPROPRIATE [illegible] AGREEMENT [illegible] WE WOULD NOT WANT TO

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RAISE STOCKS ABOVE PRUDENT QUOTE WAR RESERVE UNQUOTE LEVELS. AS POINTED OUT BY CMAAG, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ETHIOPIA DEMONSTRATE FULL UTILIZATION OF ITS OWN CAPACITIES AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION REGARDING ITS OWN STOCKAGE LEVELS AND OBJECTIVES IN ORDER THAT MAAG CAN OFFER WORTHWHILE ADVICE.

5. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION FUNDED UNDER PREVIOUS AND CURRENT YEAR MAP, USCINCEUR STOCKAGE LEVELS, PENDING FMS CASES USI, PAA AND AAS, AND CMAAG ESTIMATE OF FFMS STOCK LEVELS, CMAAG SHOULD USE A PLANNING CEILING OF $8 MILLION (EXCLUSIVE OF ADMIN AND SHIPPING COSTS) FOR ALL CURRENT CASH SALES, OR AMMUNITION SHIPPED BY AIR AND SURFACE. AN EVEN LOWER LEVEL IS DESIRABLE TO THE EXTENT THAT CMAAG FEELS HOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO REAL NEEDS FMMG. FURTHER, IT APPEARS THAT A MAXIMUM QUANTITY OF THIS SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY SHIP IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE VISIBILITY OF AN AIRLIFT OPERATION THAT WOULD INCREASE RISK TO U.S. PERSONNEL. AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR THAT MUST BE ASSESSED PRIOR TO DETERMINING WHAT PORTION DURING WHAT TIME PERIOD SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY AIR IS THE THROUGHPUT CAPACITY OF ADDIS AIRPORT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY CAPABILITY FOR RECEIVING UNPACKING AND STORING ITEMS ARRIVING AT THE AIRPORT. BASED ON THE PRECEDING GUIDANCE, REQUEST CMAAG DEVELOP, WITHOUT RECEIPT WITHOUT DISCUSSIONS WITH MOND, OR ANY OTHER ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS, AND PROVIDE BY25 FEB 1988 ZULU OR EARLIER A PLAN FOR AIR AND SURFACE RESUPPLY.
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3. DEPT. IS PREPARED TO EXPLORE ANY ALTERNATE CHANNELS WHICH MAY HOLD PROMISE OF GETTING US IN TOUCH WITH KIDNAPPERS. EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE POSSIBILITIES BUT, IN VIEW PAST FAVORABLE EXPERIENCE, SUDAN APPEARS THE BEST INITIAL CHOICE IF OTHER EFFORTS TO CONTACT KIDNAPPERS FAIL.

BEST ARGUMENT TO SOLICIT HELP FROM SUDAN AND/OR OTHER COUNTRIES APPEARS TO BE HUMANITARIAN PITCH THAT CISCO CAPTIVES ARE INNOCENT PEOPLE AND SHOULD NOT BE MADE PAWNS IN POLITICAL/MILITARY STRUGGLES BETWEEN ETHIOPIANS.

4. WE ARE REVIEWING TENNECO EXPERIENCE FOR IDEAS AND FOR CLUES ON POSSIBLE BEHAVIOR OF KIDNAPPERS.

5. EMBASSY AND DEPT. WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO MAKE MORE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS WHEN WE LEARN WHO ABDUCTORS ARE AND WHAT DEMANDS THEY MAKE. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 9847, B) ASMARA 645

1. DEPARTMENT DISTURBED BY EPMG'S REFUSAL THUS FAR TO BROADCAST FAMILIES' APPEALS, WHICH APPEARS TO REFLECT EPMG SUSPICION THAT CAMPBELL AND HARRELL WERE SYMPATHETIC TO ELF/PLF AND MAY IN SOME DEGREE HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLICES IN THEIR OWN ABDUCTION. WHILE WE CANNOT BE SURE OURSELVES THAT THERE IS NOT SOME TRUTH IN THIS, FACT REMAINS THAT AS FAR AS WE KNOW CAMPBELL AND HARRELL WERE FORCIBLY SEIZED AND ARE BEING HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL AND VERY POSSIBLY IN DANGER. ACCORDINGLY, WHATEVER EPMG MAY SUSPECT, IT REMAINS RESPONSIBLE AS HOST GOVERNMENT TO DO EVERYTHING APPROPRIATE TO FIND AND RESCUE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL, JUST AS USG REMAINS RESPONSIBLE TO COUNSEL AND SUPPORT EPMG'S

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EFFORTS.

2. RE REF B, CONCUR IN ASMARA'S RECOMMENDATION THAT CONTACT WITH THE ZEMUIS NOT BE PURSUED. ALSO CONCUR IN CONGEN'S PLAN TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN X AND Y, ASSUMING CONGEN CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THIS COULD BE PRODUCTIVE. WE ASSUME THAT WITH ABANDONMENT OF PLAN TO PURSUE CONTACT WITH Y AND THE TWO ZEMUIS, CONGEN PERCEIVES NO USEFUL ROLE FOR A CISCO REPRESENTATIVE ALREADY IN ASMARA, OR ONE SENT FROM US, AT THIS JUNCTURE. PLEASE CONFIRM.

3. TWO WEEKS HAVE NOW PASSED SINCE CAMPBELL'S AND HARRELL'S ABDUCTION WITHOUT ANY DIRECT OR AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ON WHO HOLDS THEM OR WHAT MAY BE DEMANDED FOR THEIR RELEASE. FAMILIES HERE UNDERSTANDABLY INCREASINGLY IMPATIENT. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION, IT SHOULD APPROACH EPMG AT LEVEL IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND CONVEY USG'S DISQUIET OVER SITUATION, DRAWING ON PARA 1 ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE. SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHOULD BE SOUGHT ON WHAT, IF ANY, SPECIFIC MEASURES EPMG IS PURSUING AND WITH WHAT PROSPECTS, IN ITS VIEW, OF SUCCESS.

4. FOR ASMARA: REQUEST INFORMATION ON CAMPBELL'S AND HARRELL'S WIVES' SITUATION AND MORALE FOR TRANSMISSION TO FAMILIES HERE. INGERSOLL

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SUBJECT: ASMARA ABDUCTION

REF: ADDIS ABABA 8502 (PARA 3)

1. INTELLIGENCE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN ELF AND PLF REMAINS SKETCHY. JUST PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 1975 OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING IN ERITREA, PLANNING GROUPS OF THE TWO FACTIONS APPARENTLY DID AGREE TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES. FIGHTING FORCES UNITS, HOWEVER, REMAINED SEPARATE ENTITIES. DESPITE PERIODIC REPORTS OF POSSIBLE UNITY MOVES, THE TWO CONTINUE TO COMPETE FOR ERITREAN SUPPORT AND FOR EXTERNAL AID.

2. ALTHOUGH OSMAN SALEH SABBE, HEAD OF THE PLF, WAS IN ERITREA WHEN THE ELF GENERAL CONGRESS TOOK PLACE IN MAY 1975, IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER HE PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING. A CONGRESS RESOLUTION URGED RAPID SETTLEMENT OF ALL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS AND OSMAN HIMSELF HAS SUBSEQUENTLY CHAMPIONED REUNIFICATION DURING

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HIS TRAVELS IN ARAB CAPITALS.

3. SINCE THE JANUARY OUTBREAK, THE LIBYANS HAVE PROVIDED THE ELF SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE. PREVIOUSLY ONLY THE PLF BENEFITTED FROM LIBYAN LARGESSE. THE SYRIANS AND IRAQIS HAVE BEEN THE MAJOR SUPPORTERS OF THE ELF, AND THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ELF, AHMAD MUHAMMAD NASSER, MAINTAINS CONTACTS WITH THE BAATH PARTIES OF SYRIA AND IRAQ.

4. OSMAN SALEH SABBE SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME IN ADEN AND BEIRUT, WHEN HE ISN'T TRAVELLING. HE ALSO VISITS DAMASCUS OCCASIONALLY--HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN LIVE THERE. THE PLF HAS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES: KUWAIT, ADEN, MOGADISCIO, KHARTOUM, CAIRO, BEIRUT, ROME AND PARIS.

5. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO PAST SIMILAR INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE PLF. PAST INSTANCES WHEN HOSTAGES HAVE FALLEN IN ELF AND PLF HANDS WERE NOT DELIBERATE OPERATIONS--THE HOSTAGES CAME UNDER THE CONTROL OF ERITREAN INSURGENTS BECAUSE THEY WERE IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME--AND APPARENTLY NOT BECAUSE THE INSURGENTS PLANNED TO KIDNAP THEM. SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: CISCO 2 AND KAGNEW 2

REF: (A) ADDIS 11069; (B) ADDIS 11121; (C) ADDIS 11122; (D) JIDDA 6375

1. IN RESPONSE REF (B), IF REPRESENTATIVES OF KIDNAPPERS OF CISCO 2 AND KAGNEW 2 APPROACH EMBASSY TO DELIVER RANSOM

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DEMANDS OR TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE OR DISCUSS RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES EMBOFF SHOULD ACT AS FOLLOWS:

(A) EMBOFF SHOULD ACCEPT DOCUMENT OR ORAL STATEMENT AND AFTER READING OR HEARING SAME, SHOULD ASK ANY NECESSARY QUESTIONS TO ENSURE THAT KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS ARE FULLY AND ACCURATELY UNDERSTOOD. EMBOFF SHOULD STATE THAT HE WILL IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT THE DEMANDS TO HIS GOVERNMENT, AND SHOULD INQUIRE OF KIDNAPPERS' REPRESENTATIVES WHERE AND HOW EMBASSY CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM WHEN IT HAS A REPLY TO CONVEY. IF REPS ATTEMPT TO INITIATE A DISCUSSION OR NEGOTIATION WITH THE EMBOFF, HE SHOULD STATE THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT THEIR COMMUNICATION TO HIS GOVERNMENT HE IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS.

(B) EMBOFF SHOULD NOT ARRANGE OR AGREE TO A FURTHER MEETING OR CONTACT WITH THE KIDNAPPERS' REPS PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT.

(C) EMBOFF SHOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM KIDNAPPERS' REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING WHEREABOUTS AND WELFARE OF HOSTAGES.

2. FOLLOWING APPROACH BY KIDNAPPERS' REPS, EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS PRESENTED, OR SUBSTANCE OR ORAL PRESENTATION, TO EPMG, BUT KIDNAPPERS' REPS SHOULD NOT BE INFORMED OF THIS INTENDED ACTION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY RAISED BY FON MIN KIFLE PARA 2 REF (A) RE USG THINKING ABOUT PUBLISHED DEMANDS, AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) USG CONTINUES TO REGARD SAFE RELEASE OF CISCO 2 AND KASHEW 2 AS RESPONSIBILITY OF EPMG.

(B) USG WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE KIDNAPPERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

(C) USG WILL NOT ASK EPMG TO ACCEDE TO ANY OF THE KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS FOR RELEASE OF CISCO 2 AND KASHEW 2. NOR

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WILL USG ITSELF ACCEDE TO SUCH DEMANDS.

(D) EXPERIENCE IN PAST ABDUCTION CASES HAS CONVINCED USG OF IMPORTANCE OF OPENING AND MAINTAINING A DIALOGUE WITH THE KIDNAPPERS EVEN WHERE THERE IS NO INTENTION TO ACCEDE TO THEIR DEMANDS. USG WILL THEREFORE ENDEAVOR TO KEEP OPEN ANY DIALOGUE WHICH THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE INITIATED, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM. EPMG WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED. WE HOPE THAT EPMG WILL SIMILARLY BE WILLING TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH KIDNAPPERS SHOULD OPPORTUNITY PRESENT ITSELF.

(E) AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO INFORM FON MIN THAT USG REGARDS THE US BASE PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA AS A MATTER EXCLUSIVELY FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE US AND THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENTS AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION WITH KIDNAPPERS.

4. TRANSCRIPT OF RELEVANT PORTIONS OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCES AT VAIL, COLORADO ON AUGUST 17 AND AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA, ON SEPTEMBER 16, ARE BEING SEPARATELY CABLED.

5. WE ARE PROPOSING TO THE SECRETARY THAT HE RAISE CISCO 2 AND KAGNEW 2 PROBLEM WITH PRINCE SAUD ON SEPTEMBER 18, PER JIDDA RECOMMENDATIONS REF (C) AND (D).

6. WE ARE ALSO PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW APPROACH BY EMBASSY KHARTOUM TO SUDANESE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS SEEKING ASSISTANCE OF OTHER MIDDLE EAST GOVERNMENTS. KISS

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SUBJECT: KAGNEW 4

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1. ON RECEIPT OF EMBASSY ADDIS CONCURRENCE, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO PLF/ELF IN BEIRUT VIA AN APPROPRIATE INTERMEDIARY AND IN SUCH A FORM AND MANNER AS NOT TO REVEAL USG ROLE IN TRANSMISSION. FORM OF ADDRESS OF MESSAGES LEFT TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION

2. QUOTE ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1975 OUR SON DAVID S. STRICKLAND, WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY YOUR FORCES. REALIZING THAT YOUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AT WAR FOR A LONG TIME AND YOUR BELIEF THAT BY CAPTURING OUR SON YOU WOULD SOMEHOW HELP YOUR CAUSE, WE'RE NOT AWARE OF YOUR REASONS, BUT WE DO KNOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF PAIN AND SUFFER-

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ING. THEREFORE YOU SURELY UNDERSTAND OUR PAIN AND SUFFERING. SO WE APPEAL TO YOUR COMPASSION AND INTELLIGENCE FOR THE RELEASE OF OUR SON. BY SETTING HIM FREE YOU WILL SHOW THE WORLD YOUR GENEROSITY AND COURAGE, AND GAIN SUPPORT. IF YOU FEEL THAT THESE MEN WILL SERVE SOME UNSEEN PURPOSE WE HUMBLY REQUEST THAT OUR SON BE ALLOWED TO WRITE US A LETTER AND, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE

TO SEND THESE MEN ITEMS WHICH WILL HELP THEM THROUGH THEIR CAPTIVITY.
(SIGNED) MR. AND MRS. LEONARD H. STRICKLAND, SR. UNQUOTE

3. QUOTE MY HUSBAND, DAVE STRICKLAND, WAS SENT TO ETHIOPIA TO FIX SOME RADIOS. HE WAS NOT SENT THERE TO FIGHT OR HURT ANYONE. HE IS A TECHNICIAN NOT A FIGHTER. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN ASMARA ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS. HE HAS NO POLITICAL FEELINGS ABOUT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT OR YOUR LIBERATION FORCES. HE IS AN ENLISTED TECHNICIAN OF LOW RANK WHO HAS NO MILITARY OR POLITICAL INFLUENCE ON THE US GOVERNMENT OR THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. HE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED EXPENDABLE BY GOVERNMENTS, BUT TO ME AND OUR DAUGHTERS HE MEANS EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD. WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS AND WE HAVE TWO CHILDREN, ONE TWO YEARS OLD AND THE OTHER ELEVEN MONTHS OLD. DAVE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A WONDERFUL FATHER TO OUR GIRLS. AS A HUSBAND HE HAS ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL THAT I WAS NUMBER ONE IN HIS LIFE. HE HAS BEEN KIND AND CONSIDERATE TO EVERYONE. SINCE HE HAS BEEN GONE I HAVE BEEN UNDERGOING NUMEROUS MEDICAL TESTS AND THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN ILL BECAUSE OF HIS ABSENCE. OUR OLDEST DAUGHTER HAS SPENT HOURS CRYING FOR HER DADDY AND ASKING FREQUENTLY WHEN HER DADDY WILL BE COMING BACK. THE CHILDREN AND MYSELF LOVE AND NEED HIM VERY MUCH. IT WOULD BE SO WONDERFUL TO HAVE HIM HOME FOR HIS DAUGHTER'S BIRTHDAY ON OCTOBER 13. I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE RELEASE MY HUSBAND IMMEDIATELY SINCE HE CAN HAVE NO INFLUENCE ON THE OUTCOME OF YOUR POLITICAL GOALS. I LOVE HIM AND NEED HIM DESPERATELY. PLEASE RELEASE HIM.
(SIGNED) MRS. BILLIE STRICKLAND. UNQUOTE

4. QUOTE WE ARE EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT OUR SON, JAMES

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HARRELL, WHOM YOU ARE HOLDING. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF HE IS STILL ALIVE AND HOW HIS HEALTH IS. PLEASE TELL US ALSO WHETHER YOU INTEND TO RELEASE HIM AS YOU PREVIOUSLY STATED YOU WOULDO. (SIGNED) MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HARRELL. UNQUOTE

5. QUOTE I SEND THIS APPEAL TO YOU IN BEHALF OF ALL THE PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF THE FOUR AMERICAN CAPTIVES YOU NOW HOLD AT YOUR CAMPS. I APPEAL TO YOU TO RESPECT AND HONOR OUR REQUESTS TO RELEASE OUR SONS, AS THEY ARE NOT IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN ANY POLITICAL BUSINESS AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE AND THEIR CAUSE. I RECENTLY APPEALED TO YOU ON FILM, WHICH I HOPE YOU HAVE SEEN VIA ABC NEWS SERVICE. STEPHEN CAMPBELL IS MARRIED TO AN ERITREAN LADY. I AM SURE THAT HE AND THE OTHER MEN ARE NOT PREJUDICED AGAINST

YOUR CAUSE. CONTINUING TO TAKE HOSTAGES IS DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR IDEALS. I AGAIN APPEAL TO YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE TO FREE THESE MEN AND ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST AND HONOR WITH US, THE PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF THE MEN, AND THE AMEIRCAN PEOPLE. (SIGNED) SINCERELY LEN CAMPBELL. UNQUOTE

6. QUOTE I, THE WIFE OF THOMAS CHARLES BOWIDOWICZ, PLEAD FOR THE RELEASE OF MY HUSBAND. I HEAR FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT TOM IS WELL AND I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THIS. I AM A YOUNG WOMAN WHOSE FATHER IS A SALES-MAN AND WHOSE MOTHER IS A TEACHER. WE KNOW ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS. I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT THAT ALL MEN, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE, DESIRE THE SAME THINGS, SO I KNOW THAT I CAN ASK YOU TO PUT YOURSELVES IN OUR PLACE AND THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH TOM MEANS TO US. I PRAY TO OUR ONE GOD THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO TREAT TOM AND THE OTHERS WELL AND WILL RELEASE THEM SOON. I AND ALL OUR FAMILY WILL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL. (SIGNED) ROBIN MAYS BOWIDOWICZ. UNQUOTE

7. QUOTE WE, THE FAMILY OF THOMAS BOWIDOWICZ, ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR HAVING SPARED OUR SON'S LIFE AND THAT HE IS BEING WELL-TREATED. WE PLEAD TO YOUR GENEROSITY

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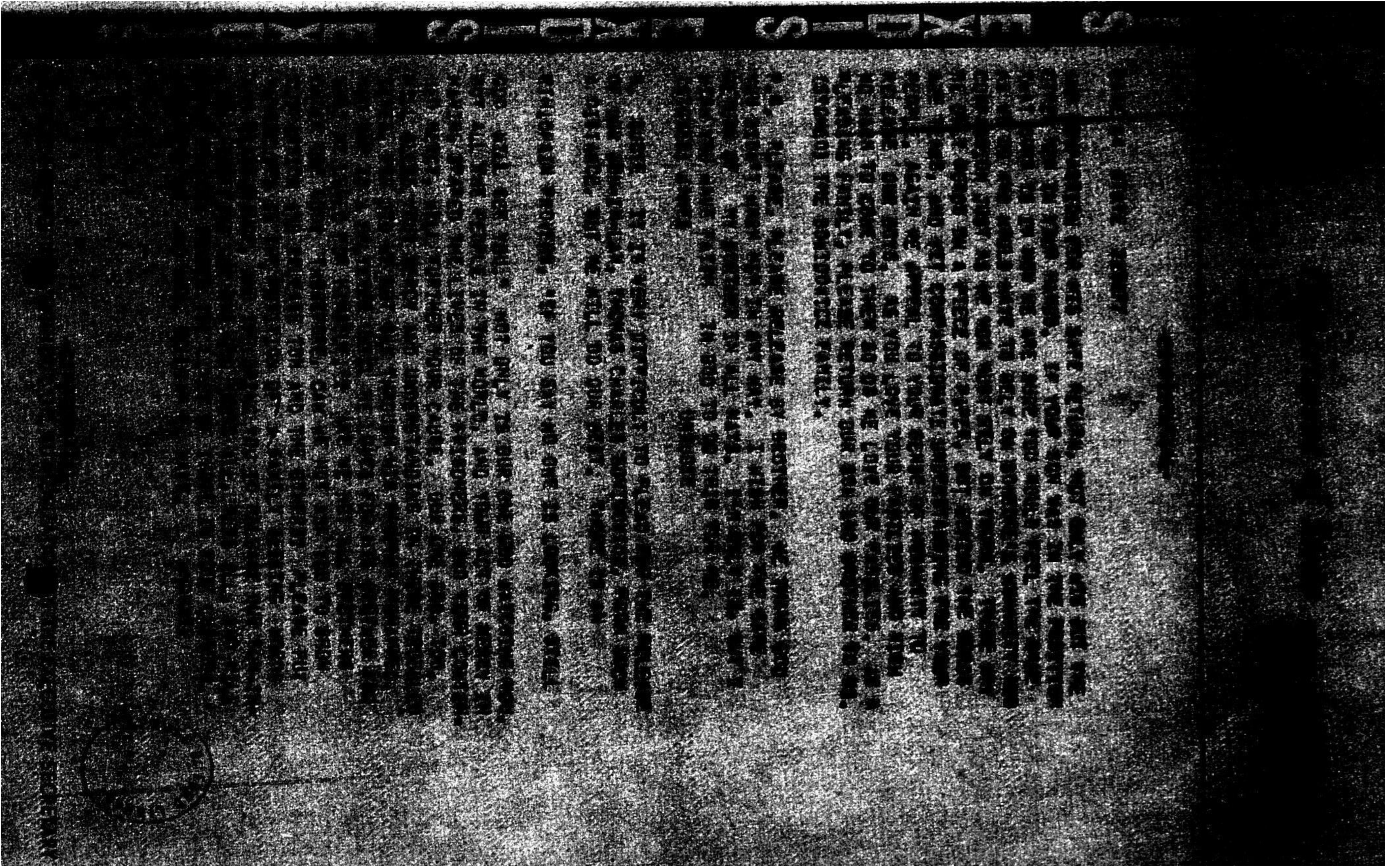

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9. FYI - MENTION OF FILM IN PARA FIVE BY CAMPBELL'S FATHER REFERS TO VIDEOTAPED INTERVIEW MADE BY ABC IN WHICH CAMPBELL FAMILY APPEALED TO PLF FOR RELEASE OF STEPHEN. ABC HAS TOLD FAMILY IT WILL DELIVER OR HAVE FILM SHOWN TO PLF. END FYI

10. FOR ADDIS: DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE EPMG MIGHT

NOW BE PREPARED TO FACILITATE BROADCAST OF A SINGLE, INTEGRATED APPEAL BY THE FOUR FAMILIES? DO ABDUCTORS HAVE RECEIVERS AND WOULD THEY PROBABLY HEAR SUCH APPEAL? IF ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ARE AFFIRMATIVE, RECOMMEND EMBASSY PREPARE PROPOSED TEXT OF CONSOLIDATED APPEAL, DRAWING ON FAMILY APPEALS AND YOUR EXPERIENCE, SO THAT IT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH EPMG AND PLF/ELF. TEXT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT FOR CLEARANCE BEFORE RELEASE.

11. IF EPMG IS RECEPTIVE TO SUCH A BROADCAST IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE IS TO BE NO RPT NO LINKAGE OR ANY OTHER ATTRIBUTION TO THE USG. KISSINGER

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROCEED PER PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL, URGING EPLF COOPERATION IN BROADCASTING APPEAL ON THE BEHALF OF FAMILIES. YOUR DEMARCHE SHOULD BE MADE IN STRONGES PRACTICABLE TERMS STRESSING HOST GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY TO EXPECT RELEASE OF DETAINEES, PLUS OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS.

2. EMBASSY'S PROPOSED TEXT OF BROADCAST HAS BEEN APPROVED BY FOUR FAMILIES CONCERNED. HOWEVER, DUE TO PRESENCE OF [illegible] WIFE IN GERMANY, LAST PHASE, "IN THE UNITED STATES" SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

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1. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING INVITING CISCO HEADQUARTERS REPS IN OCTOBER 8 OR 9 FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS.

2. USG HAS WE BELIEVE INITIATED EVERY APPROPRIATE MEASURE FOR KAGNEW FOUR'S RELEASE. DUE IN PART NO DOUBT TO THIS USG ACTIVITY AND TO ABSENCE OF ABDUCTOR DEMANDS ON CISCO ITSELF, CISCO HAS ASSUMED A PASSIVE ROLE IN CASE IN RATHER SHARP CONTRAST TO TENNECO'S ACTIVE CONCERN AND EFFORTS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES' RELEASE. DO EMBASSY AND CONSULATE GENERAL PERCEIVE USEFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR A MORE ACTIVE CISCO ROLE, SUCH AS EFFORTS TO CONVEY COMPANY'S CONCERN FOR WELFARE AND SAFE RETURN OF ITS EMPLOYEES AND ATEMPT TO FORWARD

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MEDICINES, FOOD OR OTHER SUPPLIES FOR CAPTIVES' PERSONAL USE. APPRECIATE ANY VIEWS OR SUGGESTIONS EMBASSY AND CG MAY WISH TO PROVIDE FOR CONTEMPLATED DEPARTMENT-CISCO MEETING.

6. WE WILL INFORM EMBASSY AND CG OF OUTCOME OF MEETING IF HELD, AND WILL ASK CISCO REPS SIMILARLY TO INFORM

MCALLISTER THROUGH CAREFULLY PHRASED AUTHENTICATING COMMERCIAL CABLE. KISSINGER

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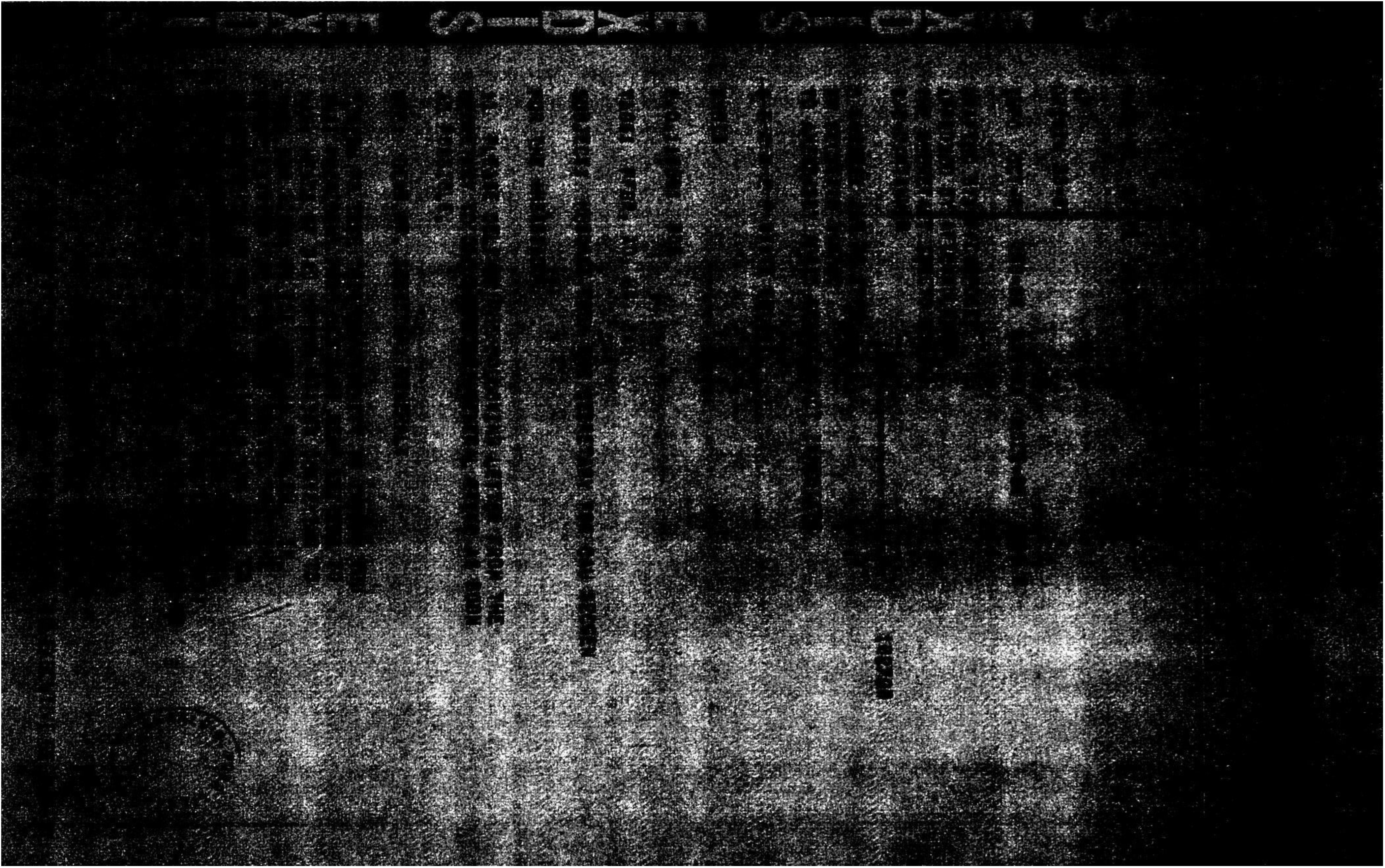

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FROM RECOGNIZING ANY FACTION AS THE GOVERNMENT, HAVE OFTEN CALLED FOR AN END TO ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH SUCH AN ENDEAVOR.

PRESIDENT FORD STRESSED OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO RESIST THIS EXTENSION OF SOVIET POWER BUT ASSURED THE HEADS OF STATE THAT WE DO NOT SEEK THE DESTRUCTION OR THE DEFEAT OF THE MPLA, ONLY THE EMERGENCE OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL FACTIONS. HE STATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA WHEN SUCH A GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHED.

ON SOUTH AFRICA, MR. FORD STATED THAT WE IN NO WAY SOUGHT OR ENCOURAGED THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANGOLA. WE HAVE NOT INITIATED ANY CONSULTATION WITH THEM AND OUR ARMS EMBARGO REMAINS IN EFFECT. THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THAT WE SHARE AFRICA'S CONCERN OVER THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE AND DESIRE IT TO END QUICKLY, JUST AS WE DESIRE THAT THE SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION CEASE. HE PROMISED WE WOULD USE ALL OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN THE CONTEXT OF A WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES.

THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE OAU SUMMIT MEETING CAN PROMOTE AN EARLY END TO THE FIGHTING AND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CIVIL WAR. IN ADDITION, HE HOPED THE OAU WILL INSIST UPON A PROMPT END TO ALL FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT, ARRANGE A STANDSTILL CEASE FIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE THREE FACTIONS. HE PROMISED THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT SUCH AN INITIATIVE AND COOPERATE WITH IT, PROVIDED OTHER DISTANT POWERS DO SO AS WELL.

I BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT'S LETTERS SET FORTH A REASONABLE POLICY THAT IS SUPPORTIVE OF THE

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OAU'S STATED OBJECTIVE OF ENDING THE FIGHTING AND ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ACHIEVING THESE COMMON GOALS AND I INVITE YOUR VIEWS ON HOW WE MAY HELP. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. INGERSOLL

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